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MINUTES.

The forty-third annual session of the Pine Barren Association convened with the Camden Baptist Church, at Camden, Wilcox county, Alabama, on Tuesday, September 13th, A. D. 1892.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Brother D. W. Ramsey preached the annual sermon from Acts 11th Chap., 26th verse. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Brother D. W. Ramsey. The clerk of last year being absent, Daniel Cook was appointed clerk pro-tem.

Brethren J. B. McWilliams. M. V. Middleton and E. R. McElroy were appointed a Committee to read the church letters.

Delegates' names were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Ackerville—W. A. J. Albritton, L. P. Stewart, E. K. Robbins.

Bethsaida—J. W. Purifoy, R. R. McElroy.

Camden—E. O. Rentz, T. M. Fletcher, Daniel McLeod.

Enon—W. R. Wiggins, J. S. Williams, H. J. Majors.

New Providence—J. B. Powell, T. S. Packer.

Rock West—S. J. Ervin, J. E. Gullett, Daniel Cook.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Allenton—J. B. McWilliams, D. H. Adams.

Friendship—J. F. Fore, D. W. Ramsey, J. N. Stanford, R. H. Ramsey.

Butler Springs—S. Moore.

Pine Level—Not represented.

Liberty—J. W. Creamer.

Monterey—Not represented.

Bear Creek—J. H. McClerkin, D. P. Watts.

Fellowship—J. E. Knight.

Mount Pleasant—J. W. Lisenba, Henry Lawrence.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Bethel—H. C. Johnson.
Midway—T. J. Driver, T. M. Higdon, Andrew Smith.
Bell's Landing—By letter.
New Hope—W. R. Maxwell, H. O'Gwynn.
Shackleville—Not represented.
Indian Springs—David Youngblood.
Mount Pisgah—R. Wiggins, J. R. E. Sellers.
Pineville, G. M. Parker.
Centennial—Not represented.
Concord—M. V. Middleton. J. W. Riley, G. W. Burns,
Flat Creek—Not represented.
Forest Home—S. J. Ansley, J. J. Garrett.

The names of delegates being enrolled, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. D. W. Ramsey, Moderator; Daniel Cook, Clerk; J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer. Took a recess of one and a half hours.

Reassembled. Messengers from corresponding bodies and enterprises were received as follows, to-wit; Alabama Baptist, Rev. C. W. Hare; Birmingham Association, Rev. W. A. Whittle; Judson Institute, President S. W. Averrett; Bethel Association, W. B. Jackson; Woman's Work, Sister Clara W. Ansley.

Called for petitions for membership, upon which the Gullette's Bluff and Mount Hope Churches of Wilcox county, Alabama, presented their petitionary letters for membership. They were unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship given to their messengers by the Moderator.

The Moderator announced committees to report during the session as follows:

On Religious Services during the Session—The pastor and deacons of Camden Church.

Finance—J. B. McWilliams, M. V. Middleton, J. E. Knight.

Queries, Requests and Nominations—G. W. Burns, T. S. Packer, H. O'Gwynn.

State of Religion and Digest of Letters—J. B. Powell, H. C. Johnson, E. R. RcElroy.

Apportionments—S. C. Cook, E. K. Robbins, J. T. Fore, S. J. Ansley, W. R. Maxwell.

Committees appointed at last session to report at this session, revised as follows, to-wit:

State Missions—W. N. Huckabee, S. J. Ansley, J. W. Purifoy.

Denominational Literature—S. C. Cook, G. W. Burns, G. W. Riley.

Temperance—G. M. Parker, S. D. Andress, J. R. E. Sellers.

After singing and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, September 14.

The Association met promptly at the hour appointed and opened with singing and prayer by Brother S. J. Ansley.

Committee on Womans' Work, through Brother J. F. Fore, reported as follows, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMANS' WORK.

In making up this, the first annual report on Womans' Work within the bounds of the Pine Barren Association, a brief outline of the organization would not be inappropriate:

The first and foremost object which our brethren had in organizing this work, was to induce the women and children of our churches to give a sum adequate to the support of our woman missionaries on home and foreign fields. Hence it is sometimes called Woman's Mission to Woman.

The Board known as the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized by that Board in 1888. It has its head-quarters at the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, Baltimore, Maryland. Here, the Board, consisting of nine consecrated and experienced women, Miss Fannie E. Heck, of Raleigh, N. C., President, and Miss Annie W. Armstrong, of Baltimore, Maryland Corresponding Secretary, meet and plan the work for the central committees.

From these rooms letters are written and mission literature distributed. There is in each of the fourteen States comprising the Southern Baptist Convention, a central committee. In Alabama this committee is located at Birmingham. Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, President, and Mrs. S. C. Brown, Secretary. In each Association there is one or more Vice Presidents, whose duty it is to induce the sisters and children to form themselves into mission societies for the purpose of stimulating them to a more systematic plan of giving of their substance for the support of the gospel. It is also the duty of the Vice Presidents to hold missionary meetings, to distribute literature, and in every way possible to increase the missionary spirit and to impress upon each and every sister her individual responsibility to God.

There are within the bounds of the Pine Barren Association two Vice Presidents—Mrs. Clara W. Ansley, of Forest Home, and Mrs. J. P. Fairley, of Camden. This work has not progressed as rapidly as we would wish; yet something has been done for which we and our sisters should take courage and thank God.

A Womans' Mission Meeting was held at Forest Home embracing the 26th to 28th of August. Dr. B. F. Riley preached a missionary sermon on Sunday at the close of this meeting to a large audience.

Brethren, a wall of prejudice has surrounded this work, but slowly, stone by stone, is this wall being demolished by the battering ram of God's word and as woman worked in the days of our Savior for the Master's cause, let us be careful that we throw no damper upon them in any attempt they make in trying to help carry out His injunctions—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Brethren, as this is the centennial mission anniversary, let us give those dear sisters our sympathy, our co-operation and of our means till this great object may be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted. J. F. Fore, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by Brethren Averrett, Huckabee, and was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was made by Brother J. B. McWilliams, and is as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

One of the chief objects of our Association is to foster and encourage mission work. We should consider this work in all its different aspects, and sustain all our Boards and not allow one to take precedence over another.

The Home Board in its organization, operation and results, commends itself most favorably to our consideration. That money contributed to this Board has produced good fruit we cite you to the various churches in our Southern land that once struggled for existence, but through the fostering care and aid of the Home Board have become strong and self-sustaining.

We refer especially to the work of the Board among the foreign population of Kansas City, Louisville and the Mexicans and Germans in Texas. The steady, substantial work in the Indian Territory also deserves our praise and approval. Too much can hardly be said about the work in Cuba. On this priest-ridden island, amid many difficulties and persecutions, the Board has established six churches with 2,250 members, employed 21 missionaries in 17 stations, carries on 7 Sunday schools and a girls' high school with 100 pupils and 6 instructors. Baptised in Cuba for the past year, 180. We add a few general statistics:

In 1882 the Home Board's receipts were $28,000 with 40 missionaries employed. In 1892 the receipts were $84,871.19, besides co-operative work which amounted to $68,683.40, with 365 missionaries.

When we come to the Pine Barren Association we find a slight decrease in her contribution to this Board. Brethren, let us do our duty and let there be an increase instead of falling off.

J. B. McWilliams, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Averrett, C. W. Hare and G. M. Parker. Adopted.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to redistrict the Association, as follows, to-wit: G. M. Parker, D. Cook and J. W. Purifoy.

The Association then took a recess until half past two.

Wednesday Afternoon, September 14.

The Association met at the hour appointed and opened with singing and prayer by Elder A. P. Majors. The Association then resumed business.

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Report on Denominational Education was read by Daniel Cook, and is as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

It is known to every person of experience and observation, that the light of truth makes its way slowly through the mists and fogs of early education, and with difficulty, under the most favorable after-circumstances, does it dispel the clouds and darkness of long established prejudices. Then how obligatory upon us as a denomination, if we hold the truth in righteousness and sincerely desire to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord that we train them up in the way that they should go, that we may realize the precious promise, that when they are old they will not depart from it. We profess to make the Bible the rule and guide of our faith and practice, and should, therefore, throw no influences around our children in early life which tend to weaken the peculiar doctrines of our church. Shall we not as Christian parents, born and raised amid the splendors of gospel day, openly avow our attachment to that religion which bringeth unto us salvation, and sheds a clear and benign light on all the paths of life. Shall we, whom the Son of God has come to instruct, who have been redeemed by His blood, who are taught the way of eternal life by the words of His own mouth, fail to impress upon our children the vital importance of faith in Christ, and urge them to practice His teachings. The success, usefulness and reputation of every man depends upon the purity of his morals, and the religion of the Bible is the only sure prop to morals, It's principles can alone enable us to withstand temptations and shun the allurements of vice.

If our children were only designed for this world we would still urge the necessity of drawing early around them the safeguards of religion. But their interests and destinies are not confined to this world. They are to exist through eternity, and the preparation for that eternity is to be made during the present life. The plan of salvation, as revealed in the gospel, in the proposed covenant of mercy. Then early teach our children to read and reverence the scriptures, and patronize no school, however high its literary standard, where the good old custom of using the Bible as a school book, has been abandoned.

We cannot, in justice to our own feelings, keep from speaking especially of our girls. Your committee are not among those who think that a female should only learn so much of the sciences as will enable her to ascertain the due proportions of a cake, or enough of geography to tell the distance and bearings of her smokehouse and kitchen. On the contrary, they would have our daughters thoroughly educated for the stations which God has designed them to fill. Prepare them, as wives, to make their homes a place of pleasant and intellectual retreat for their husbands, a nursery of instruction for their children, and of social, rational enjoyment for friends. We deem it important that all the young of our country be liberally educated.

We are happy to say that the Baptists of Alabama have in a flourishing condition schools, both male and female, perhaps not inferior to any in the United States. As an institution of learning for young men, we would recommend, cordially, Howard College. We would also recommend, as an institution for the education of females, the Judson Institute, located at Marion, Alabama. We should feel proud of these institutions as Baptists of Alabama, and should be devoted to their interests and support.

DANIEL COOK,
Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Averrett, Huckabee and C. W. Hare. Adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by Brother A. P. Majors and discussed by Brethren Huckabee, Ramsey and others.

On motion of Brother J. W. Purifoy the report was recommitted.

A resolution was offered and adopted for a committee of five, with Brother D. W. Ramsey as chairman, to investigate the claims of applicants for aid from the Ministerial Board, and to report during this Association. The committee was appointed as follows, to-wit: D. W. Ramsey, J. W. Purifoy, J. B. McWilliams, G. M. Parker and D. Cook.

Report on State Missions was read by Brother Ansley. It was moved and adopted to postpone the report, and that it be taken up immediately after the report on Ministerial Education.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Bro. W. A. Whittle would lecture to-night at 8 o'clock.

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 15.

The Association met at the hour appointed and opened with singing and prayer by Brother J. B. Powell. J. B. Powell, Moderator pro tem.; S. C. Cook, Clerk, pro tem.

Report on Sabbath Schools was made by Brother J. B. Powell as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Bible contains an authentic discovery of the way "of salvation." In fact it is the revelationof mercy to a lost world. Hence, a knowledge of its truths is of inestimable value on account of its supplying an infallible rule of life. We may safely say, a close study of it is of indespensable necessity to every class of persons, for he who is acquainted with the "terrors of the Lord," cannot live in neglect of God and religion with present, any more than with future impunity. The path of disobedience is obstructed if not rendered impassable, and wherever he turns his eyes he beholds the sword of divine justice stretched out to appall guilt and alarm conscience.

As Christians, it is our duty to put as many obstacles as possible in the path of men, and I know of no more effectual way than an inculcation of Bible truth on the masses, for sound religious instruction is a perpetual counterpoise to the force of depravity and sin. But where and how shall this instruction be given? Mainly in the Sunday Schools of our land and country, and by men and women of head and heart. Let them, by earnest effort, aided by the spirit of God, impress on the youth

of our country, a deep conviction of this radical corruption, and of the necessity of the spirit, to render the knowledge they acquire of God's word practical and experimental.

I would recommend that the officers of our Sunday Schools be not satisfied with reading lessons, or repeating a prayer, but aim to fix serious impressions on the hearts of every one. Aim always to produce a deep religious concern, carefully watch its progress and endeavor to conduct to a prosperous issue. Lead all whom you come in contact with to the feet of Jesus, and teach them to rely on His merits alone for salvation. When we begin to do this the Sunday School cause will grow in interest and vitality. Already a mighty breath of the divine spirit is passing over the Sunday schools of our Association, and never before has the cause been so deep working and substantially progressive as now. Though now and then the work has been checked for a time, still the current is stronger than the ripple on the surface, and the stream is moving on with deep, slow, solemn strength. Let us be faithful. Let us gird ourselves afresh to this work. Let us be strong in action, in patience and in prayer, and God will order events. J. B. Powell, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by Brethren Huckabee, Hare, Powel, Gullett, Fletcher Moore and Cook.

The report was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was read again by Brother A. P. Majors, as follows, to-wit :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is a subject that should interest all of God's children. If we want a teacher, certainly we want one that is competent to instruct.

First, we want men that are called of God into this great work, and not for policy sake. Who are convinced, like Paul, that it is woe unto me if I preach not the gospel of Jesus Christ, learned or illiterate. We know that the devil would have our churches filled with unregenerate people and our stands filled with strangers to the gospel. But our churches should look well and go careful, for gifts and calling are without repentance. Policy may call. The people educate a man for a life insurance agent, or a school teacher, and have no preacher, for there are great inducements laid out before the world to gain an education, and to us an imposter.

Second. Let us have men that are educated in heart, for with the abundance of the heart the mouth will speak and fire the souls of men as the truth is spoken. For they shall have power after the Holy Ghost has fallen upon them, and be witnesses for Jesus, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of their hope.

Third. An educated brain; Solomon like, when they have found favor with God, let them ask for more wisdom. If the tree is good the fruit will be good also. Some of our young students have crippled the financial interest in the country churches on ministerial education by being too fast and too proud. Men and women who have given their dimes and dollars are made to feel that they are treated with contempt. A burnt child dreads fire. Paul's charge to Timothy was to bear hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Too many are hunting for soft places, and if the country churches had to depend on the educated ministry alone, they would soon go into heathenism. Give us more consecrated

men, that are not above the poor churches and poor people, and the finance will increase, for no sensible man will object to an education if rightly used.

Fourth. Let us rally around our Howard College and Seminary where we have a noble faculty of Christian men who are ready, able and willing to instruct our beneficiaries on easy terms.

In the last scholastic year we had 28 ministerial students at the Howard, 11 at the Seminary and 2 others in high schools, making a total of 41. This *means time* and *money*. As the prayers have been going up to God for more laborers, He has sent them. Let us educate them so they can compete with critics, infidelity and wickedness in high places, and rightly divide the word of truth and give to each one his portion in due season. To do this, let us not only say here are our hearts and hands, but here are the means to support you: do your part and we will do ours. Respectfully submitted. A. P. MAJORS, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren G. M. Parker, C. W. Hare and others. Adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by Brother S. J. Ansley, as follows, to.wit :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren—While a great deal has been done for State Missions, and the efforts put forth been very successful, still that support which is due this department of our mission work has not been given, and there is need of great effort in this direction.

In the language of our State Secretary : "State Missions lie at the foundation of all mission progress." It then follows that State Missions should have the most careful attention and hearty support of our denomination, and especially of all those to whom the cause of missions is dear.

Our State Secretary says : "The average amount contributed for State Missions in the last ten years, per annum, is about $7,600, and the average number of men employed annually for the same period is fifty-eight. No increase for years in the contributions for State Missions; but our contributions for the other boards have largely increased.

In view of the importance of State Missions, should we not contribute for this object an amount, at least, commensurate with that given for Home and Foreign Missions. We ask the serious attention of the brethren, and especially of that portion, to this feature of our State Mission work.

The different divisions of our State Mission work require separate mention. The Board is engaged in sending the gospel to destitute points through our State wherever mission grounds are found. The Board endeavors to place a man on the field to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ The Board is doing a grand work in this way, all that it can do under the circumstances.

Again the Board has frequent calls for aid in church building, but have been able to do but little thus far. The Board has resolved to raise a fund for this purpose, and appeal to the churches and Sunday schools for assistance. We think this an important undertaking and should have our hearty and substantial support.

The Secretary is publishing the State Mission Quarterly, which deserves a wide circulation, and we recommend it to the churches.

There is one sad feature about State Missions, as indeed there is about missions generally. Churches which have regular preaching and and are not considered as destitute, give practically no support to State

Missions, and indeed, many are largely opposed to this work. This comes largely from a lack of information and instruction on the subject. We would urge it upon tha pastors in the Association that they devote more of their time and attention to informing their churches along this line and to encouraging the spirit of giving.

This being the centennial year of missions, we should endeavor to give special attention to discussing missions and make a mighty effort to increase our contributions for the State Mission Board. We should heartily co-operate with the Board in any effort it may make to celebrate the centennial of modern missions.

It is our opinion that the State Mission Board deserves our hearty co-operation in all matters in which it is engaged. Let us encourage and support its work by our sympathy, contributions and prayers.

Respectfully submitted. S. J. Ansley, Chairman.

Discussed by Brother Hare, and adopted.

The committee of five, with Brother D. W. Ramsey as chairman, which was appointed to examine the brethren that were applying for aid and recommendation of the Association, reported as follows, to wit :

Your committee submit the following after carefully considering the two applications for aid for ministerial education: We suggest that the Association recommend to the State Board of Ministerial Education, Brother S. J. Ansley, and that the question of assistance to him as regards the loan fund of this Association, be left to the Executive Committee of the Association.

We further suggest that Brother R. S. Cappell's interest would be further advanced by his remaining in the country and attending a good academic school for one year, and that to assist him his church contribute to his use the thirty dollars sent up for ministerial education. And that as a further assistance the Treasurer be instructed to lend him fifty dollars of the loan fund in his hands and take Brother Cappell's note for same. Respectfully submitted, D. W. Ramsey, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted without discussion.

Brother J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer, made his report for the last Associational year, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother W. N. Huckabee, as follows, to-wit :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report :

We find by referring to the last annual report of the Foreign Mission Board, that there were 115 missionaries laboring under the appointment of the Board, and some seven or eight native helpers. This number does not include many assistants, who are unordained, and who are working along the same lines with those sent out by the Board.

These missionaries are distributed as follows ; China, 39; Africa, 13; Japan, 4; Italy, 17; Brazil, 20; and Mexico 22.

This report of our Foreign Board is said to have been the best ever made to the Convention, and your committee concurs in the statement.

and would call the attention of this body to that part of the report which sets forth in detail the number of missionaries in each field and the cost of their support.

The total receipts of the Board for the last conventional year, ending April 30, 1892, were $114,325.80. This amount was disbursed as follows: China, $33,424.78; Africa, $6,515.07; Japan, $4,386.34; European Missions, $15,137.35; Brazil, $19,385.85; Mexico, $28,568.78.

The expenses of the Board were, salaries of Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Secretary, clerk hire, &c., $4,960; postage, printing, &c., $5,566.33; agencies in the several States, $6,588.04.

It will be seen that expenses of the Board are about $17,000, or 14 per cent. of the amount collected.

Your committee would call the attention of this Association to the fact that about one per cent. of the gross receipts of the Board is used to pay interest on loans made to the Board by the bank of Richmond. We deplore this sad state of things, and would raise the question as to the wisdom of such procedure. The denomination should either furnish the money for a cash system of business, or ask the Board to curtail expenses within the limit of the money in hand. There is now a deficit in the treasury of the Board of $39,000, and at one per cent. a month this amount costs the denomination $260 00 per month

The Pine Barren Association is asked this year to raise $800 for the work of this Foreign Board. The question is, can we do it? The amount asked for is about 44 cents per capita. This seems a very small amount, and if it was all we would consider the amount too small. But your committee cannot close this report without calling the attention of this body to the centennial movement of our denomination. The financial depression of our country calls for larger gifts on the part of our well to do brethren, and small amounts from the poor ones.

In concluding this report we urgently press the claims of Foreign Missions. Shall we say to the Board—Enlarge the work? or shall we say retrench, and give up some of the ground already possessed? We believe the watchword of the hour is "Go up and possess the land."

Respectfully submitted, W. N. Huckabee, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by several brethren and report adopted.

The report on Denominational Literature was then made by the committee, and is as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

This subject is inseparably connected with that of denominational education, and we regard our denominational literature as one of the principal factors in our system of denominational education.

Perhaps there is no subject fraught with deeper interest to the people of Alabama, and upon which the Baptists of Alabama are more thoroughly aroused than that of education. They seem now to realize more fully than ever before that nothing contributes more effectually to the material advancement and general interest of a State or nation than an educated populace.

Upon the same course of reasoning, we may say that nothing will do more to give prestige to our denomination than educated Baptists, and along this line we should exercise the same common sense and act upon the same business principles which we are wont to bring to bear upon other enterprises.

If a boy is to be prepared for any special secular business, or for any profession, whatever other agencies may be sought, it is always deemed wise to select for him such text books, and place in his hands such literature as will most surely lead his mind up to the standard required in that particular department of business, or that chosen profession. Then follows the natural and logical conclusion, that if we wish our children to be Baptists, if we wish our neighbors to be Baptists, we must place in their hands Baptist literature. And if we expect our denomination to impress the world yet more and more, we must continue to spread to the world our denominational literature, in order that the world may know what we believe and practice.

Some of our most thoughtful brethren, in making observations upon the trending of our denomination, express the opinion that we are drifting away from the ancient views of our fathers and are losing some of our olden-time distinctiveness. If this be true, it demands our attention. We should "ask for the old paths where is a good way and walk therein."

This tendency may be checked by a more general distribution and a more careful study of our denominational literature. And we are of the opinion that all our denominational enterprises are sometimes made to suffer from a want of proper attention to this subject.

Judson, writing to a minister in this country concerning his work, said: "I am persuaded that the only reason why all dear friends of Jesus in America do not come forward in support of missions, is mere want of information—such information as they would obtain by taking any of the periodical publications. If they could see and know half what I do they would give all their property and their persons too."

Many of our people refuse to contribute for the support of our missionary enterprises because they do not understand their needs; they fail to understand their needs, because they fail to read our literature; they fail to read our literature because our pastors and churces are not so active as they should be in placing it before them and urging upon them the necessity of utilizing it.

Besides this *lighter* literature, all the *books* that go into our family libraries ought to be such as have passed the criticism and met the approval of our standard men.

We recommend that our Sunday schools order their literature through the Colportage Board at Opelika, as they can, in this way, add something to the funds of that Board without extra cost or inconvenience to themselves.

We have so much meritorious literature that we think it inexpedient to recommend that of any particular Board or Society, but we feel it would be doing injustice to the cause to close this report without mentioning the *Alabama Baptist*. We fear its influence has been two much undervalued and neglected. Every Baptist family in Alabama ought to read it, and we trust it may very soon have the circulation its merits demand. It helps the pastors to preach, the people to hear, and all to work. Respectfully submitted,

O. J. Burson,
G. W. Burns,
G. W. Riley.

This subject was discussed and report adopted.

Report on Temperance was made by Rev. G. M. Parker as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The subject of Temperance has been before this Association so long, and so much has been written and said about it at the various meetings

of this body, that your Committee deems it unnecessary in this report to do more than to present a few facts.

That the agitation of the temperance cause has accomplished great good among our people, we think no candid man, who has taken the trouble to inform himself, will deny. In nearly or quite all our churches we find a strong sentiment in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic already existing, and an evident growth of that sentiment, making sure of slow progress.

In those sections of the country where prohibition obtains, there is no disposition on the part of the Christian people to have the nefarious traffic in liquor brought back—curse upon the people. And we are glad to state that in the warfare against the use of and trade in intoxicating liquors, the Christian people of this country have the hearty support of a large majority of the people who themselves are not Christians, but having realized the baneful effects of the dreadful curse of whisky upon our country and the common weal of the people, are hearty and enthusiastic in lending their help towards the suppression and extirpation of the evil. But while much has been accomplished, there remains yet a great deal to be done; for, as the people of God, nothing short of the absolute banishment of the accursed evil from the whole land should satisfy us or give no license to cease or moderate our efforts.

Respectfully submitted. GEO. M. PARKER, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by several brethren and the report was adopted.

The Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters, through Brother J. B. Powell, reported as follows, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your committee, find from the letters: Baptized, 131; received by letter, 46; restored, 9; dismissed by letter, 62; excluded, 10; erased, 27; died, 24; present membership, including number by the two churches admitted at this meeting, 1,834; number of churches reported, 23; Sunday schools, 18; teachers, 108; pupils enrolled, 800; average attendance, 257; prayer meetings, 3; Sunbeam societies, 3; ladies' aid societies, 3; eight churches report no baptisms; six churches not represented; number ordained, 9; and four licensed ministers in the bounds of the Association.

We are sorry to state that from the small number of prayer meetings reported and other indications, the spiritual condition of the churches is not what it should be. Respectfully submitted, J. B. POWELL,
E. R. MCELROY,
H. C. JOHNSON.

The Committee to redistrict the Association made their report through Brother D. W. Ramsey, and is as follows, to wit:

First District—Pine Level, Monterey, Fellowship, Bethsaida, Ackerville, Allenton, Mt. Hope, Camden, Rock West.

Second District—Shacleville, Forest Home, Enon, Mt. Pisga, Friendship, New Providence, Butler Springs, Bear Creek, Gullett's Bluff.

Third District—Mt. Pleasant, Liberty, Midway, Indian Springs, Flat Creek, Pineville, Concord, New Hope, Bethel, Bell's Landing, Centennial.

Which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Apportionment, reported as follows, to-wit :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, the committee appointed to apportion amounts to the various churches composing this Association during the associational year for general purposes, respectfully submit the following :

Pine Level	$ 12.00	Monterey	$ 20.00
Fellowship	15.00	Bethsaida	125.00
Ackerville	25.00	Allenton	30.00
Mt. Hope	5.00	Camden	30.00
Rock West	30 00	Forest Home	40.00
Enon	25.00	Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Friendship	100.00	New Providence	15.00
Butler Springs	10.00	Bear Creek	12.50
Gullett's Bluff	10.00	Mt. Pleasant	30.00
Liberty	15.00	Midway	15.00
Indian Springs	30.00	Pineville	20.00
Concord	40.00	New Hope	12.00
Bethel	12.50	Bell's Landing	10.00
Centennial	5.00		

FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Pine Level	$ 2.00	Monterey	$ 2.00
Fellowship	5.00	Bethsaida	15.00
Ackerville	5.00	Allenton	10.00
Camden	5.00	Rock West	5.00
Forest Home	12.00	Enon	5.00
Pineville	5.00	Concord	10.00
Bell's Landing	2.00	Mt. Hope	2.00
Mt. Pisgah	5.00	Friendship	10.00
New Providence	2.00	Butler Springs	2.00
Bear Creek	5.00	Gullet's Bluff	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	3.00	Liberty	3.00
Midway	5.00	Indian Springs	5.00
New Hope	2.00	Bethel	2.00
Centennial	2.00		

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Fore,
S. C. Cook,
E. K. Robbins,
S. J. Ansley,
W. R. Maxwell
Committee.

The Committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations reported through Brother G. W. Burns, as follows, to-wit :

REPORT ON QUERIES, REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.

We have before us a request from Friendship church, that this Association hold its next annual session with said church. We recommend that this Association hold its next session with Friendship church, Wilcox county, Alabama, at Pine Apple on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1893, at 10 a. m. and continue two days in session. We recommend Brother G. M Parker as a delegate to the State Baptist Convention and Brother J. B. Powell as alternate. We recommend as

the executive board Brothers D. Palmer, J. B. McWilliams, Daniel Cook, J. B. Harper and S. C. Cook. Brother J. B. Powell to preach the next annual sermon, Brother A. P. Majors alternate. Brother W. N. Huckabee to preach a missionary sermon at 8 p. m. Wednesday night. Respectfully submitted.

G. W. BURNS,
T. S. PACKER,
H. O. GWYNN.
Committee.

The Committee on Finance, through Brother M. V. Middleton, reported, which report was concurred in (see finance table). Said Committee also reported that they had examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct, which was concurred in.

On motion a collection was taken up to pay the Clerk for his services, amounting to about ten dollars and some cents.

Brother S. C. Cook offered the following resolution which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved—That the thanks of Pine Barren Association are hereby tendered to the members of Camden church and the citizens generally, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

The Association united in singing a hymn and taking the parting hand. Prayer by Brother Hare. Adjourned to meet with Friendship church Pine Apple, Wilcox county, Alabama, Wednesday (10 o'clock a. m.) before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1893.

D. W. RAMSEY,
Moderator.

DANIEL COOK, Clerk.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—G. M. Parker, W. R. Maxwell, J. W. Riley.

Home Missions—A. P. Majors, Jerry Gullette, H. C. Majors.

Foreign Missions—S. J. Ansley, S. Moore, D. P. Watts.

Sabbath Schools—S. C. Cook, J. Eads Gullette, H. O'Gwynn.

Woman's Work—M. V. Middleton, H. C. Johnson, G. W. Burns.

Temperance—J. W. Purifoy, D. Cook, E. R. McElroy.

Ministerial Education—W. N. Huckabee, T. M. Fletcher, Daniel McLeod.

Denominational Education—W. A. J. Albritton. E. K. Robbins, D. H. Adams.

Denominational Literature—J. F. Fore, J. N. Stanford, J. B. McWilliams.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS.

W. D. Ramsey, Pine Apple; W. D. Gay, Furman; A. P. Majors, Chesnut; P. J Cree, Tinela; J. S. Ridgway, Turk Stand; R. S. Capell, Nellie; W. N. Huckabee, Camden; G. M. Parker, Fork; S. Moore, Stringfellow; J. B. Powell, Nellie; S. J. Ansley, Forest Home.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS WITH POST OFFICE.

C. E. Breithaupt, Snow Hill; G. L. Herrin, River Ridge J. J. Hawthorne, Camden; Frank Cook, Rock West; J. C. Anthony, Activity; O. H. Spencer, Sallie; M. V. Middleton, Buena Vista; W. S. Fort, Turk Stand; H. C. Johnson, River Ridge; D. J. Philpot, Caledonia; W. L. Murphy, Forest Home; J. M Cone, Pine Apple; J. J. Evans, Pine Apple; J. M. Walthall, Allenton; J. L. Skinner, Furman; C. F. Majors, Chesnut; J. B. Harper, Pineville; J. E. Funklea, Nellie.

Many of the churches report Sunday Schools but do not report name of superintendent.

J. W. PURIFOY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

1891.

Sept. 19.	To cash from	Finance Committee	for	Minutes	$ 33.60
	"	"	"	Home Mission	74.31
	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	132.26
	"	"	"	State Misions	98.26
	"	"	"	Colportage	1.00
	"	"	"	from Woman's So. for Missions	8.00
	"	"	"	Minister'l Educa'n.	17 00
	"	"	"	Howard College	7.50
	To cash in hand as permanent Min. Education fund				200.00
	To notes of beneficiaries				261.75
	To amount of voucher from Finance Committee				443.75
	Total amount cash vouchers				$1,277.43

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Sept. 19.	By cash paid J. Purifoy, clerk, for Minutes	$	33.60
23.	By cash paid W. B. Crumpton for Home Missions		74.31
	By cash paid W. B. Crumpton for Foreign Missions		132.26
	By cash paid W. B. Crumpton for State Missions		98.26
	By cash paid W. B. Crumpton for Colportage		1.00
	By cash paid W. B. Crumpton from Woman's Mis. So.		8.00
	By cash paid G. W. for Ministerial education		17.00
	By cash paid R. J. Waldrop for Howard College		7.50
	By note of beneficiaries		361.75
	By total amount vouchers in hand		443.75
1892. Sept. 13.	To cash in hand of permanent Min. Ed. fund		100.00
	Total	$	1,277.43

STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1892.

Churches.	Cou'ty.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	No. Ord. Min's.	No. Lic'd Ministers.	Membership last reported	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by Letter.	Increase by Experience.	Increase by Restoration.	Decrease by Letter.	Decrease by Exclusion.	Decrease by Erasure.	Decrease by Death	Present Membership	Sunday School. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Report Prayer Meeting	Report Revival.
Ackerville	Wilcox	W. D. Gay	W. A. J. Albritton	Snow Hill	..	..	77	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	82	6	52	4	....	yes.
Alienton	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	W. M. Fitzgerald.	Allenton	..	..	51	.....	2	3	1	3	..	..	..	54	11	45	2	....	yes.
Bear Creek	Wilcox	G. M. Parker	D. P. Watts	Caledonia	..	..	76	.....	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	67	2	25	3	....	....
Bell's Landing	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	O. H. Spencer	Sallie	1	..	22	.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	22	5	19	3	....	....
Bethel	Monroe	A. P. Majors	E. B. Burgess	River Ridge.	..	..	93	.....	2	..	..	.....	..	..	..	115	6	94	4	....	....
Bethsaida	Wilcox	W. D. Gay	W. M. Purifoy	Furman	1	1	133	17	1	..	..	1	2	..	2	146	13	85	1&3	yes.	yes.
Butler Springs	Butler.	J. L. Taylor	H. F. Seals	Stringfellow	2	..	36	.....	5	..	..	.....	..	..	..	41	3	30	4	yes.	....
Camden	Wilcox	W. N. Huckabee	J. P. Fairly	Camden	1	..	67	7	3	..	..	4	..	..	1	72	7	59	2&4	yes.	yes.
Concord	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	J. J. Finklea	Buena Vista	..	..	132	.....	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	128	7	50	3	....	....
Enon	Wilcox	J. S. Ridgway	Enoch Burson	Fatamu	1	..	90	1	..	..	3	7	1	..	2	83	3	25	4	....	....
Forest Home	Butler.	A. T. Sims	W. H. Watt	Forest Home	1	..	118	14	4	1	2	3	1	11	1	124	6	40	2	yes.	yes.
Fellowship	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	J. E. Knight	Monterey	..	..	28	.....	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	54	.....	.....	2	....	....
Friendship	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	A. B. Gaston	Pine Apple.	1	..	216	.....	..	..	..	10	1	..	3	202	12	70	1&3	yes.	yes.
Gullette's Bluff.	Wilcox	A. P. Majors	J. E. Finklea	Nellie	..	1	.....	19	5	..	..	.....	..	..	3	32	3	34	1	yes.	yes.
Indian Springs	Monroe	A. P. Majors	J. E. Fore	Mims'	1	..	70	2	..	..	..	3	..	8	1	69	3	27	3	....	....
Liberty	Monroe	S. Moore	J. D. Salter	Simkinsville	..	..	.....	5	1	..	1	.....	1	..	1	20	.....	.....	..	....	....
Midway	Monroe	J. S. Ridgway	J. C. Anthony	Activity	..	..	.....	24	9	..	1	.....	..	..	2	115	6	35	2	....	....
Mt. Pisgah	Butler.	L. B. Cochran	J. T. Dean	Starlington	..	..	59	2	6	..	1	2	3	..	1	65	.....	.....	1	....	....
Mt. Pleasant	Monroe	A. A. Sims	R. E. Coleman	Mt. Pleasant	..	..	.....	1	..	..	..	8	..	8	2	109	9	50	2	....	....
New Hope	Monroe	A. P. Majors	H. O'Gwynnn	Natchez	..	..	.....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	58	3	20	..	....	....
Mt. Hope	Wilcox	W. N. Huckabee	J. F. Sills	Camden	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	48	4	20	..	....	....
New Providence	Wilcox	A. P. Majors	T. S. Packer	Coy	1	..	32	.....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	31	.....	.....	1	....	....
Pine Level	Butler.	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....
Pineville	Monroe	G. M. Parker	W. Ivey	Fork	1	..	.....	1	..	..	..	.....	1	..	..	51	4	50	3	....	....
Rock West	Wileex	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Gullette	Rock West	..	..	.....	6	2	..	..	.....	1	..	..	54	5	30	1	....	....
Monterey	Butler.	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....
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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1892.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church building not at home.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Minutes.	Cent. Offering.	Sunday School Work.	Min. Education.	Special contrib'n Min. Education.	Woman's Miss'n Society.	State Mission Quarterly.	Am. Baptist Pub. Society.	Total amount.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, fund to poor, &c.	Val. building and furniture.
Ackerville	7 00	.....	9 35	10 30	... .	1 00	.....	6 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 65	200	.....	1,000
Allenton	7 50	.....	7 50	15 00	.....	1 00	5 00	40 00	15 00	.....	60 00	.....	.....	151 00	100	20 00	1,000
Bear Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Bell's Landing	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	.....	.....	3 50	4 30	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 30	.....	.....	.....
Bethsaida	26 99	27 00	87 54	80 46	.....	3 95	....	47 79	10 05	.....	.....	3 00	.....	286 73	500	31 30	.....
Butler Springs	3 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 60	.....	.....	.....
Camden	1 50	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	300	585 00	2,500
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Concord	5 20	.....	8 00	5 15	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 25	.....	.....	26 70	200	.....	600
Enon	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	1 60	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Forest Home	8 31	.....	14 88	16 20	3 52	2 00	....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	3 10	68 01	200	25 00	1,400
Fellowship	3 77	.....	4 29	5 90	1 04	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	....	.....	.....
Friendship	10 40	.....	11 40	15 35	....	1 60	.....	30 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	...	78 75	.....	120 00	1,500
Indian Springs	2 50	.....	2 50	2 00	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 70	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	.....	.....	2 60	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....
Midway	1 00	.....	2 25	4 00	....	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 25	.....	.....	.....
Mount Pisgah	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant	2 50	.....	2 50	2 65	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 30	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....
New Providence	2 00	.....	2 00	6 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Pineville	4 00	.....	4 00	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 40	.....	.....	.....
Pine Level	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock West	3 00	.....	3 00	3 50	...	1 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 50	.....	.....	.....
Mount Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Gullett's Bluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	31 10	.....	.....	.....	32 10	100	.....	.....
Total amounts	$94 17	$27 00	$186 81	189 71	$4 56	$27 29	$5 00	$156 79	$75 50	$35 10	$67 25	$3 00	$3 10	$875 27	$1,600	$781 30	$8,000